

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## **GARAGE SALES & SIGNS IN PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY**

To the Citizens of the City of Albion,

The Planning Department has recorded a high number of incidents regarding garage sales that are frequent and last for an excessive amount of time, as well as a number of temporary signs being placed in public right-of-way, and on utility poles and other public property.

All citizens are hereby notified of the following Ordinances and Penalties:

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**GARAGE SALES** will be in compliance with the following Zoning Ordinances:

ARTICLE IV.                    DIVISION II, Section 30-133 (2;a;11)  
                                      DIVISION III, Section 30-148 (2;k)  
                                      DIVISION IV, Section 30-168 (2;a;11)

This subsection shall not be construed as prohibiting garage sales or lawn sales, provided that there be no more than three (3) such sales per year on any one (1) particular residential premises, and that no such sale shall last longer than three (3) consecutive days. The resident holding such a sale shall notify the zoning inspector before the sale. Such sales may be advertised through signs, with no sign permit required, provided that such signs be removed within one (1) days of the end of the sale.

*Failure to comply with these Zoning Ordinances shall result in the following penalties:*

ARTICLE II.                    DIVISION I, Section 30-27.

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this chapter, or any amendment thereto, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or ninety (90) days in jail. Each and every day such violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such hereunder.

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**SIGNS IN PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY** will be in compliance with the following Sign Ordinances:

City of Albion Code of Ordinances. Section 64-4 (l;m;n)

(l) No signs shall be placed on any private property without consent of the property owner.  
(m) Any sign installed or placed on public property, except in conformance with the requirements of this article, shall be forfeited to the public and subject to confiscation. In addition to other

remedies hereunder, the city shall have a right to recover from the owner or person placing such sign the full costs of removal and disposal of the sign.

(n) No signs shall be placed or painted on any fence, tree, rock, utility pole, light pole, telephone pole, traffic signs, etc., except for utility identification or similar purposes.

City of Albion Code of Ordinances. Sec. 64-7 (13)

Garage/yard sale or estate/auction sale signs. Limited to one sign on the premises on which such sale is conducted, no greater than eight square feet in area. No more than two off premises signs, limited to four square feet shall be allowed. No garage/yard sale or estate/auction sale sign shall be placed on any utility pole, street sign, tree, fence, etc. All signs must be removed at the end of the sale.

*Failure to comply with these Sign Ordinances shall result in the following penalties:*

City of Albion Code of Ordinances. Section 64-24 (a;b)

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to erect, construct, maintain, enlarge, alter, move or convert any sign in the city or cause or permit the same to be done on his property contrary to or in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed to be responsible for a municipal civil infraction. The fine for a first offense shall be \$100.00 per day for each day the infraction exists after official notification of the violation. A repeat offense (or any subsequent) shall be \$200.00 per day for each day the infraction exists after official notification of the violation.

(b) Any sign which is erected, constructed, maintained, enlarged, altered, moved or converted in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter is hereby declared to be a public nuisance per se, and may be abated by order of any court of competent jurisdiction.

Thank you for you cooperation and compliance.

Barry Hicks  
Planning Director